

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The instant application is a divisional of parent U.S. patent application no. 09/908,822. An office action mailed November 21, 2002 in the parent case contained a restriction requirement between Group I, claims 1-5, and Group II, claims 6-16. Applicants responded by electing Group I, claims 1-5.

Accordingly, this divisional application is directed to the previously non-elected Group II, claims 6-16. Claims 1-5 are canceled by this preliminary amendment.

This preliminary amendment also makes various amendments of a clerical nature to the written description and drawings.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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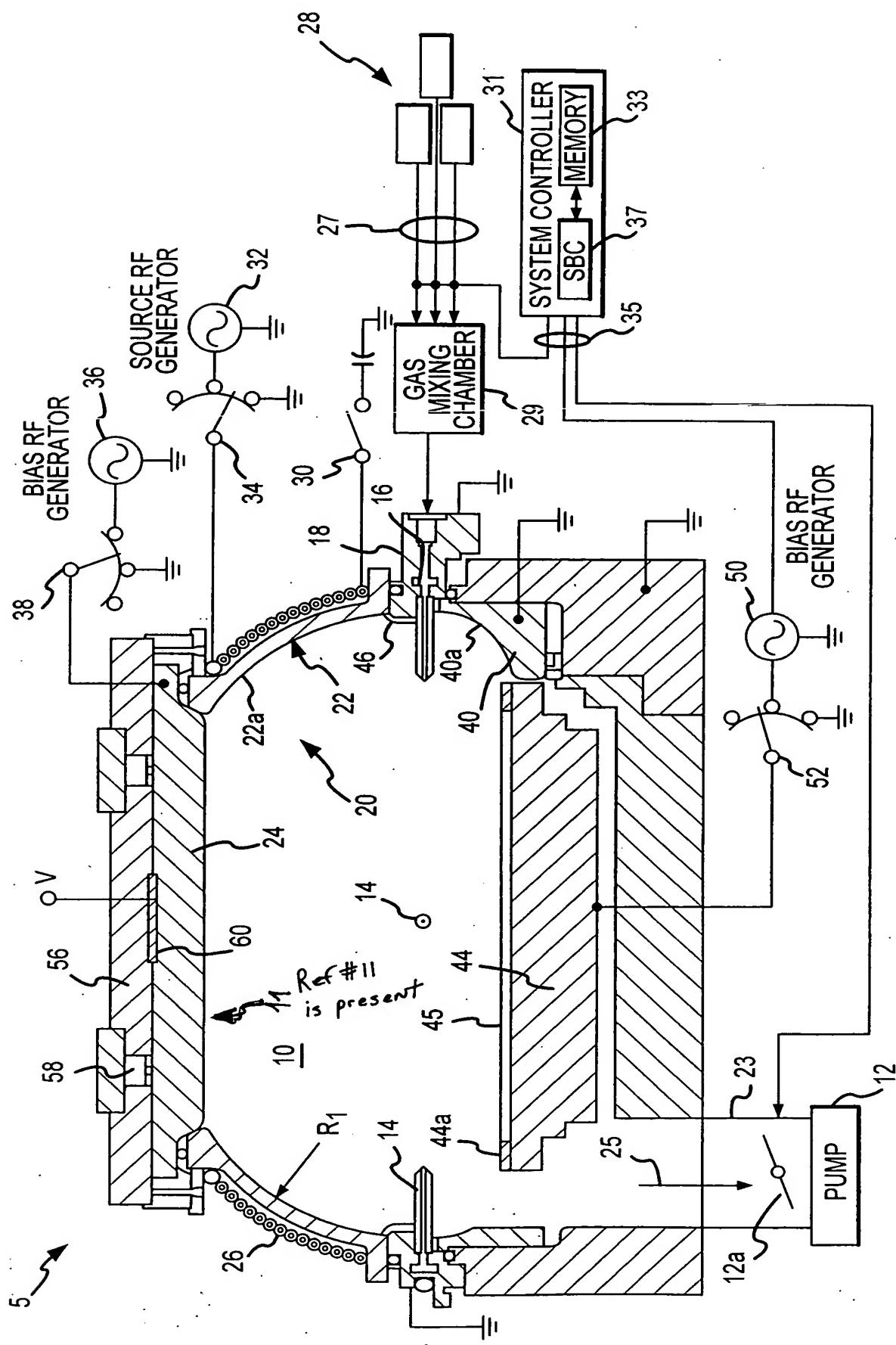


FIG. 1A

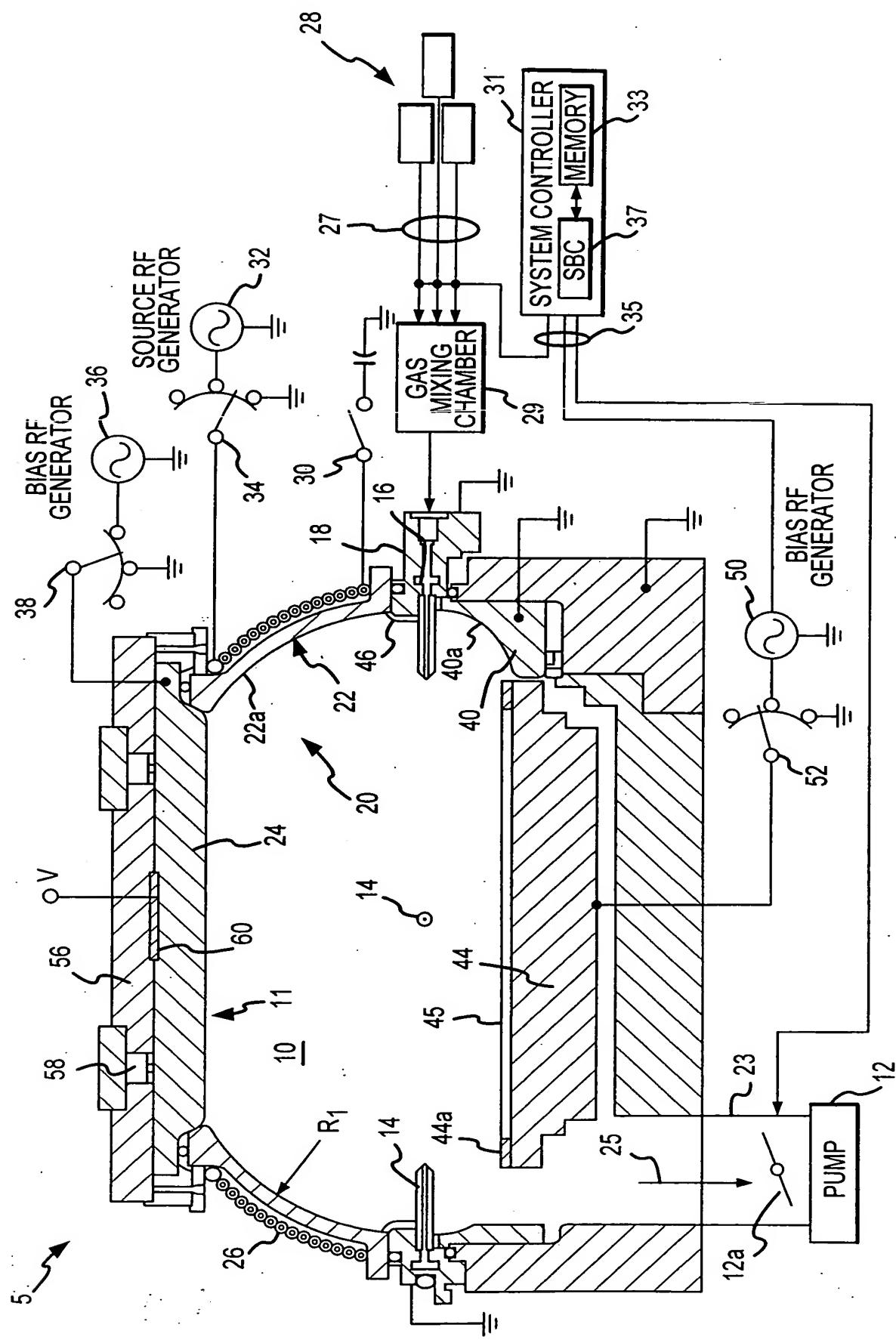


FIG. 1A